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Mr. James Hill
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Dear James:

First of all I was very glad to hear from you. That was the first line you had written me since you left. I don't understand you boys. You should have known I would have been anxious to know how you were.

I hardly know how to answer your letter. It is not so very clear, but I think you are saying you have been out west playing ball. I hope if you have, you have not hurt your arm. I guess you could tell better than any one how you felt. Now about your letter from The Clowns, and what Fred Wilson told your dad, I realize you are very young, but you have had a little experience by now, and it is time you started thinking for yourself. Regardless of what anyone said, you know that I would not stand for you or any other young pitcher on this club being overworked. You know that you were treated very fine, and went home at your own request. As for The Clowns wanting you to play with them, that is easy to understand, but any colored ball player who can play in the league is much better off to be there. If you talk to some of the older ball players they will tell you, lots of ball clubs will promise you a salary, but promising you and paying you are two different things.

I am writing to the unemployment Compensation Commission in Trenton N. Jersey today about your money. You should be paid \$50.00. They should give you about \$5.00 a week for 10 weeks. I will write you again as soon as I hear from them.

Now James you have been with this club long enough to know by now what it is like. I do not feel, like I should have to try and show you why you should be satisfied with conditions on it. I spent a lot of money on you because you were sick. I am glad I was able to, and would do it again, if you need me, but I would like to feel that you understood and appreciated it.

I will write you again in a few days. In the meantime let me hear from you. I would like to know you are well.

Very Truly Yours